

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
June 8, 2015

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: JD Birchmeier, Rick Accountius, Amy Saunders, Karen Kochanski, Robert Pudim, Cherese Montgomery, Doug Golliher, and Council Liaison Brian Bagley

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Friesner, Kim Shugar, Kathy Kron and Jennifer Wojniak

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion by Amy Saunders to approve the June 8, 2015 Agenda, the motion was seconded by Cherese Montgomery, the motion passed 7-0.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES**

Amy Saunders stated that the first "PRT" in Old Business shouldn't have been there. Also in the discussion of dates of the field trip, it was Jeff Friesner that brought up the discussion, not Councilman Bagley. Karen Kochanski had some corrections on grammar errors on item number 6. The second sentence needed to add the words "as if", and in the middle sentence on Ongoing Programs section should have a "d" for the word doubled. JD Birchmeier stated that the kickoff was for the rose garden volunteer program. A Motion by Rick Accountius to approve the May 11, 2015 Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) minutes, following the adjustments, was seconded by Amy Saunders. The motion passed 5-0, Doug Golliher and Cherese Montgomery abstained.

#### **4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

A. None

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Approval Recreation Master Plan**

An Executive summary was suggested at the May 11, 2015 Board meeting to be included in the Recreation Master Plan. Jeff Friesner presented the Executive Summary for the Recreation Master Plan, and is now looking for final comments. Amy Saunders wondered if the document should state how affordable the programs are. Amy Saunders would also like the document to include when the PRAB meetings are held and that public input and community comments are always welcome. On the Vision Framework section, Amy Saunders would like the sentence of "providing memorable experience" to add the the word 'positive'. Jeff said it was too late for these types of changes. Cherese Montgomery likes the caption under the pictures of the location of each activity. Amy Saunders made a motion to approve the Recreation Plan including all amendments to the Executive Summary, the motion was seconded by Karen Kochanski, the motion passed 7-0.

##### **B. Discuss Topics and Dates for Field Trip with Council**

The 22nd of June doesn't work for the Board in regards to the field trip. Jeff will check with the Clerk's office for another date. Cherese Montgomery suggested the 13th of July, which is the regular meeting day. The 10th of August is the backup date for the tour. The field trip will include: Kanemoto, Dry Creek, Garden Acres, and the Recreation Center. Councilman Bagley wanted to know which division takes care of the Compassion Tower at Kanemoto? Kim Shugar stated that it is a few organizations that are involved including the City, the Kanemoto family, and Sister Cities.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Park Renewal Program**

Renewal projects have been in the works since 2013. Kensington Park playground has been completed. Scoreboards and lighting were replaced at Rodriguez Field. The Tower of Compassion at Kanemoto Park has been cleaned, and the renovation project in Clark Park is underway. The irrigation system at Affolter Park is done. Garden Acres pond dredging was done this spring.

Projects in design are, Affolter Park playground which is 90% Construction Drawing (CD's). The bid will be in June/July of 2015, and completion of the project in Aug/Sept 2015. The playground equipment that is staying will be reconditioned. The Parks Division is seeking approval for the Garden Acres Master Plan Renewal Plan. The first phase of the plan is the replacement of the pump house at Garden Acres. The pump house is currently in the shelter area, and will be moved to make its own structure. Carr Park will have the pump system replaced and building renovated. Spangler Park playground replacement is 90% CD, and will be out for bid June/July 2015. Spangler Park restroom will be completed this fall. Lanyon playground replacement will bid with Spangler Park, and completion is scheduled for the fall of 2015. Sandstone Ranch playground will undergo rehabilitation, with poured in place patchwork, and replacement of missing items. Pratt Park tennis courts are out to bid and replacement will begin in August 2015. Kanemoto playground is out to bid, and completion in September 2015. Stephen Day Park path lighting will be added on the north path. Kensington playground will be installed this week in a different location, with completion mid July. Kensington neighborhood received a grant to pay for benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles. Dawson Park playground is packaged with Raber and Rothrock Dell playground. These projects are underway in the same footprint and same location. Dawson playground was removed by City staff, which saves money, and a new playground will be installed soon. Raber playground was removed today, and will be completed by September 2015, with the addition of new sidewalks, and ADA picnic tables. Roth Rock Dell playground was removed and scheduled to be completed by September 2015. Rick Accountius asked what kind of information is disseminated about the new park renovations to the citizens of Longmont? Rick Accountius suggested an article in the Times Call would be a good avenue. Doug Golliher asked who prioritizes the work for the playgrounds? Kathy Kron stated that they work in conjunction with Parks Operations.

## **B. Garden Acres Master Plan**

Kathy is looking for recommendations for the Garden Acres Master Plan. The key issues that she heard from the Board are the need for benches near the food truck area. Currently this area doesn't include lighting, and no funding for lighting at this time. The Master Plan is moving away from concessions and toward food truck and vending machines. Plans are to add benches, and move the vending vestibule to the backside of the dugout. The playground has been removed, and the batting cages will stay as a leased area. The original Master Plan showed a recreation center, but

the area does not support a large facility. Other changes will include the renovation of the scorekeeping building, and adding ADA seating. The existing roof would stay, and the capacity of restrooms will increase. There are plans to renovate dugouts due to drainage issues, and to make ADA compliant. The Longmont Cricket organization would like benches added, and a covered picnic table. Phase one will be the removal of the pump house. Phase 2a and 2b is bundled in one bid package, but had to split due to funding over multiple years. The south west spoke of the park will include a new restroom (2a) ADA parking, dumpster enclosure, playground, and fencing around the dugout. 2b includes renovating the existing bridge, and a second playground installed. These are funded areas with parks and greenway maintenance fees. Phase 3 is unfunded, but would include islands in the parking lot, new trail ideas, and an additional bridge. Rick Accountius made motion to accept the Garden Acres Master Plan, seconded by JD Birchmeier, the motion passed 7-0.

## **7. ON-GOING ITEMS**

Rick Accountius asked what SCOPE softball is. Jeff stated that it is special needs softball program. Rick Accountius asked about the status of Paypal on the website. Jeff said that they are working on the issues. JD Birchmeier asked what is being done at Martin Street. Kim said that sewer lines are being installed. Doug Golliher asked if triathlon participation has increased this year. Jeff said participation was up from last year. Amy Saunders asked if there were more vendors at the triathlon. Jeff stated yes. Amy Saunders asked if the party planner at the Memorial Building is new. Jeff stated that there has been a party planner in the past years. Rick Accountius wondered about the status of the Quail campus tennis courts. Kim said that it has been delayed due to a storm water issue, but the contractors are on board with the project. Cherese Montgomery asked about Button Rock opening, Kim said that it opens June 17th weather permitting. Karen Kochanski wants a sign up at Sunset stating no cell phones.

## **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Recreation is ready to schedule two public meetings for the Ice Rink and Pool Feasibility Study. Jeff will schedule the meetings for the 23rd and the 24th of June, and the consultants will be present. Kim stated that Union phones are not working, the call center number is on the City website.

## **9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

Envision asked if Amy Saunders could show their new design, and would like PRAB to vote on the top three. Jeff stated that this has to be an agenda item and recommended meeting earlier at the next meeting to vote. JD Birchmeier led birding at Sandstone Ranch, no barn owls. Cherese Montgomery brought up adding swimming jitsu to the pool. Doug Golliher complimented Recreation Staff on their helpfulness.

## **10. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

A. None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion by Amy Saunders to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Karen Kochanski, the motion passed 7-0.